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10007744-1REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 21-26 remain in this application, after entry of this amendment. Claims 15-20 have been canceled. Claims 1-10 and 21-26 have been allowed. Claim 11 was amended herein.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-10 and 21-26 are allowed.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 11 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Kawamura* (U.S. Patent No. 6,019,907, hereinafter *Kawamura*). Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kawamura* as applied to claim 11. Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kawamura* as applied to claim 1 and further in view of *Hawkins* (U.S. Patent No. 4,863,560, hereinafter *Hawkins*).

Applicant has amended claim 11 in response to a phone conference held on March 1, 2005 between Applicant's attorney and the Examiner. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification, for example, at paragraph 21. Also, during the phone conference, the Examiner indicated that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, would be withdrawn based on support found in the specification, for example, in Fig. 8. Applicant believes that all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

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10007744-1**Conclusion**

In view of the amendments and remarks above, it is respectfully submitted that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be helpful to advance this case, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.


Respectfully submitted,

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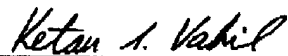
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